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**DECISION**



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL  
OF THE UNITED STATES**  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

FILE: B-205959

DATE: January 11, 1982

MATTER OF: Doyle Shirt Manufacturing Corp.

**DIGEST:**

Protest concerning small business size status is not for consideration by GAO since exclusive authority is statutorily vested with Small Business Administration.

Doyle Shirt Manufacturing Corp. protests the award of a contract to Gulf Apparel Corp. under invitation for bids DLA100-82-B-0138, a small business set-aside, issued by the Defense Personnel Support Center for the procurement of short sleeve shirts. Essentially, Doyle contends that Gulf is not a small business because it is interrelated with a number of other firms.

Under 15 U.S.C. § 637(b)(6) (1976), the Small Business Administration has exclusive authority to determine matters of small business size status for procurement purposes. Therefore, our Office will not review questions of a bidder's small business size status. See Home Oxygen & Medical Equipment, Inc., B-201370, December 29, 1980, 80-2 CPD 445.

The protest is dismissed.

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